

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the South River in Augusta and Rockingham Counties. The South River was listed on the 1996 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria and violations of the State's general (benthic) standard for aquatic life. The benthic impairment extends for 5.44 miles from the Invista discharge downstream to Sawmill Run. The bacteria impairment extends for 24.71 miles from the Invista discharge to the confluence with the North River. In addition, the South River and South Fork Shenandoah River fail to support the fish consumption use due to mercury contamination.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. DEQ has developed a bacteria TMDL to address the recreational use impairment, sediment and phosphorus TMDLs to address the aquatic life impairment, and a mercury TMDL to address the fish consumption impairment. Draft reports of these TMDLs will be available for review and download from the DEQ website at:

<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDLDataSearch/DraftReports.aspx> beginning on or before June 11, 2009. DEQ is seeking comment on these draft reports.

The final public meeting on the development of these TMDLs will be held on **Thursday, June 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m.** at the Waynesboro City Council Chambers, Room 104, Charles T. Yancey Municipal Building, 503 West Main Street, Waynesboro, VA.

The public comment period for this meeting and the draft TMDL will end on July 13, 2009. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the

comments and should be sent to Robert Brent, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7848, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail mbrent@deq.virginia.gov.